

OPINION 1969

Drosophila rufifrons Loew, 1873 and *D. lebanonensis* Wheeler, 1949 (currently *Scaptodrosophila rufifrons* and *S. lebanonensis*; Insecta, Diptera): specific names conserved by the designation of a neotype for *D. rufifrons*

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous type fixations for the nominal species *Drosophila rufifrons* Loew, 1873 are hereby set aside and the male specimen in the Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, labelled as 'Neotype' on a red-margined card, and with label data: (1) K[jiskunsági] N. P.: Kunfehértó, *Morus alba* kicsorgó nedvén [oozing sap]; (2) 1982. VI. 15–23., leg. Papp L., is designated as the neotype.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *rufifrons* Loew 1873, as published in the binomen *Drosophila rufifrons* and as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above;
 - (b) *lebanonensis* Wheeler, 1949, as published in the binomen *Drosophila lebanonensis*.

History of Case 3128

An application for the conservation of the specific names of *Drosophila rufifrons* Loew, 1873 and *D. lebanonensis* Wheeler, 1949 by the designation of a neotype for *D. rufifrons* was received from Dr Gerhard Bächli (*Zoologisches Museum, Universität Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland*) on 5 May 1999. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 56: 179–181 (September 1999). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support of the application from Dr V. Sidorenko (*Institute of Biology and Soil Sciences, Far Eastern Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladivostok, Russia*) was published in BZN 57: 48 (March 2000).

It was noted on the voting paper that the application had the support of Dr L. Papp (*Hungarian Museum of Natural History, Budapest, Hungary*).

The paper by Papp, Rác & Bächli, cited in the application (para. 3 and the references) as 'in press' in *Mitteilungen der Schweizerischen Entomologischen Gesellschaft*, 72: 105–117, was published in 1999. The publication included a description and illustrations of *Scaptodrosophila rufifrons* (Loew, 1873) and the proposed neotype.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2000 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 56: 180. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2000 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 19: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Cogger, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Ng, Nielsen, Patterson, Rosenberg, Song, Štys

Negative votes — none.

Papp abstained.

No votes were received from Dupuis, Eschmeyer and Ride.

Minelli was on leave of absence.

In abstaining, Papp commented: 'I prefer to abstain from voting in this case. My rôle was rather direct and my views are already known'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

lebanonensis, *Drosophila*, Wheeler, 1949, *University of Texas Publications*, **4920**: 143.
rufifrons, *Drosophila*, Loew, 1873, *Berliner Entomologische Zeitschrift*, **17**: 50.